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SUBJECT: MILAN EDITOR ASSESSES POLITICAL OUTLOOK

1. SUMMARY - FABIO CAVAZZA IS WELL-KNOWN PUBLISHER FOR CONFIDUSTRIA OF ITS MILAN FINANCIAL DAILY 24 ORE, CLOSE TO LIBERAL DC, A SERIOUS INTELLECTUAL, AND ALWAYS WELL INFORMED. HE BELIEVED EARLY ELECTIONS WILL BE AVOIDED AND PCI WILL SUPPORT DC GOVERNMENT. END SUMMARY.
  2. CAVAZZA TOLD ME JAN 20 THAT HE BELIEVES THAT US STATEMENT JAN 12 WAS JUST RIGHT AND NECESSARY. PROPONENTS OF BRINGING PCI INTO GOVERNMENT WERE DISTORTING LONG HELD AND WELL KNOWN US POSITION. RESULT HAS BEEN TO HELP SPIKE ANY ILLUSIONS THAT MANIPULATORS MAY HAVE HAD. CAVAZZA BELIEVES THAT REAL VETO CAME, HOWEVER, FROM DC ELEMENTS THREATENING TO SPLIT PARTY WHO DISSUADED MORE AMBITIOUS OLD LINE LEADERS EAGER TO REMAIN IN POWER EVEN WITH PCI SUPPORT.
  3. PROBABLE OUTCOME ACCORDING TO CAVAZZA WILL BE NEW DC GOVERNMENT WITH PCI SUPPORT IN EXCHANGE FOR AGREEMENT ON A PROGRAM. THIS, OF COURSE, MEANS PCI IN MAJORITY BUT HE DIDN'T SEE MUCH DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THAT AND ITS PREVIOUS BENEVOLENT ABSTENTION. EITHER WAY, PCI COULD BRING DOWN GOVERNMENT WHENEVER IT WISHED -  
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- AS PRESENT CRISIS SHOWED. IF THINGS ARE PATCHED UP IN THIS WAY, CAVAZZA EXPECTS NATIONAL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD EARLY IN 1979. HE SCOFFS AT IDEA OF PCI USING SEMESTRE BIANCO TO FORCE ITS WAY INTO GOVERNMENT.
4. ELECTIONS NOW, HE JUDGED, WOULD GIVE DC LESS BENEFICIAL RELATION TO PCI THAN THOSE IN 1979. IN HIS ESTIMATE, DC PROBABLY

GET 41-42PERCENT IN 79 AND PCI 36-37PC. SINCE NO GOVERNMENT  
MAJORITY WILL BE POSSIBLE, HE FORESEES CHANGE IN CONSITIUTION  
AWARDING PLURALITY PARTY PARLIAMENTARY MAJORITY. HE ARGUES  
THAT BOTH DC AND PCI WOULD BACK SUCH A SOLUTION SO AS TO ASSURE  
THEIR OWN SURVIVAL AND TO AVOID CIVIL WAR.FINA

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